

JOYCE ROGERS POST OFFICE
BUILDING

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5341) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orndorf Drive in Brighton, Michigan, as the "Joyce Rogers Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5341

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JOYCE ROGERS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orndorf Drive in Brighton, Michigan, shall be known and designated as the "Joyce Rogers Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Joyce Rogers Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia?

There was no objection.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

On behalf of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to present H.R. 5341 for consideration. This measure designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orndorf Drive in Brighton, Michigan, as the Joyce Rogers Post Office Building.

H.R. 5341 was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. JOHN DINGELL, on May 19, 2010. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which waived consideration of the measure to expedite its consideration to the floor today. It enjoys the support of the entire Michigan delegation to the House.

Joyce A. Rogers was born March 16, 1931, in Birmingham, Alabama, and passed away at her Brighton, Michigan, home on November 4, 2009, at the age of 78. Joyce Rogers was married to John Rogers for 57 years, and was the mother of five sons, including Michigan State Representative Bill Rogers, Major General James Rogers of the United States, and Congressman MIKE ROGERS.

Beyond her devotion to her family, Joyce Rogers was also a dedicated public servant who worked tirelessly to improve the Brighton community,

serving an integral role in the economic development of the Brighton business community during the 1980s and 1990s.

She was an active member of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners from 1985 to 1992, and completed her public service career as executive director of the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce. Through her efforts, Brighton was able to transform into a thriving business community, attracting new residents and customers to the area. She is especially remembered as a tireless advocate for small businesses and a mentor to many women in the Brighton business community.

In closing, she has left a lasting impression on the Brighton community as well as a legacy which demonstrates the importance of public service. I therefore urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of H.R. 5341, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orndorf Drive in Brighton, Michigan, as the Joyce Rogers Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, it is altogether fitting and proper that we name this Post Office in Brighton for Joyce Rogers, a woman who fought day and night, day in and day out to promote business development and spur economic growth in and around Brighton, Michigan.

Known by many as the queen bee and matriarch of Brighton, Joyce Rogers was born in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1931. Mrs. Rogers and her husband, John Rogers, moved to Brighton in 1968. Within a few years of her relocation to Brighton, Mrs. Rogers became an executive director of the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce. When Mrs. Rogers took over the fledgling organization back in 1972, it consisted of roughly 50 members. Remarkably today, the chamber boasts well over 1,000 members. And under her stewardship, the chamber embarked on an ambitious journey to put Brighton on the map. The economic expansion that has followed in and around the Brighton area is truly remarkable and can be attributed to the leadership and perseverance of Mrs. Rogers.

For her tireless efforts, Mrs. Rogers was named the Most Powerful Person in Livingston County in 1996, and fittingly the Chamber of Commerce building has been named the Joyce A. Rogers Business Center. Aside from being executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Rogers also served in various other local organizations, including the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, the City of Brighton Downtown Development Authority, and the Livingston County Economic Development Council.

In 2001 Mrs. Rogers' health began to decline. In that year, she underwent open heart surgery. The following year

she decided to step down from the chamber after three decades as the executive director. Sadly, on November 4, 2009, Mrs. Rogers lost her long battle with a chronic illness and passed away at the age of 78. She is survived by her husband of 57 years and her five sons.

The legacy left behind by Mrs. Rogers is not only marked by the economic development seen around Brighton, but also in the family that survives her, a family that, like their mother, is truly dedicated to public service. In fact, her youngest son, MIKE, is a colleague of ours here in the House of Representatives. It is truly a great privilege to have the opportunity to speak on the floor today to honor the mother of this distinguished colleague.

Aside from my colleague from Michigan, Mrs. Rogers' eldest son, Bill, served on the Livingston County Board of Commissioners and now represents Michigan's 66th district in the Michigan State House of Representatives. Another son, Jim Rogers, is a major general in the United States Army, making us all proud.

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And still today her husband, John, is serving his community as the trustee of the Brighton Township Board of Trustees.

Mr. Speaker, it is proper that we pass this legislation to honor the memory of a true leader and public servant, Joyce Rogers. I urge all Members to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my colleague from Michigan, MIKE ROGERS.

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. I would like to thank the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia for her help and support, and I also want to thank Mr. DINGELL from Michigan. It's great to know that leadership and statesmanship is still alive in the people's House here in Washington, D.C.

You know, it is fitting, I think, that this great body, this great deliberative body stop along the way of its important business, its really world-changing business and Nation-changing business, to recognize that some of the greatest acts happen locally. The great things don't really happen here; they are just reflected here. And the great things do happen in communities like Brighton, Michigan, and every other State in this great Union. And today is really that day.

Very, very few times do you get to come to the floor and talk about some great community leader that you have such a personal relationship with, my mother. And this post office is being named, in short, for her great work in what is a great community in the great State of Michigan.

And I will tell you, nobody would be more, I think, shocked and embarrassed that we are doing this today than Joyce Rogers. As a matter of fact, she would often say that her greatest accomplishment was raising five boys and surviving. But she did more than

that. She got involved in the schools, in the local community. And her biggest accomplishment, I think, was the fact that she would talk to so many women and get them involved in small business and get them involved in politics and community service.

After her funeral service late last year, I can't tell you how many times people came up to me or one of my family members and talked with tears in their eyes about how she would take the time to sit them down as small business women and talk them through to a plan for success or offer them encouragement. One woman said, I know she came to shop at my store three and four times. She must have bags of my staff. I know she didn't need any of it.

That's the kind of person she was. A kind of person where people of all stripes, of all political philosophies believe she made an impact on a community. And she certainly did that. I know she made an impact on five boys who are doing their best to do half as well as she did in life.

So, to this body, I thank you; to the Michigan delegation, for recognizing this wonderful woman, I thank you.

Ms. NORTON. May I commend the gentleman from Michigan for his honor to his mother, whom I'm sure would be particularly proud of him as he should be proud of what we do today in her name.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5341.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

CONGRATULATING SARATOGA RACE COURSE ON 142ND SEASON

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1513) congratulating the Saratoga Race Course as it celebrates its 142nd season, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1513

Whereas, July 23, 2010, marks the start of the Saratoga Race Course's 142nd season;

Whereas the Saratoga Race Course is the oldest continuously operating thoroughbred race track in the United States;

Whereas the Saratoga Race Course is the oldest organized sporting venue in the United States;

Whereas 2010 marks the 141st running of the Travers Stakes, the oldest major thoroughbred race in the United States;

Whereas horseracing enjoys a rich history whose traditions are beloved throughout the world;

Whereas the Saratoga Race Course welcomes an average of nearly 30,000 visitors per day throughout its race season and 1,000,000 visitors annually, tripling the population of Saratoga Springs each summer;

Whereas the Saratoga Race Course welcomes the best thoroughbreds from across the United States and from around the world;

Whereas the Saratoga Race Course has a total economic impact of approximately \$200,000,000 throughout Saratoga County and the surrounding communities;

Whereas the Saratoga Race Course contributes more than 2,500 jobs to Saratoga Springs and the surrounding area as well as nearly 17,000 jobs in related fields;

Whereas Saratoga Springs is a top destination for tourists from around the world;

Whereas the Saratoga Race Course has been able to maintain its Victorian charm and original traditions; and

Whereas the Saratoga Race Course has been recognized by Sports Illustrated Magazine as one of the world's greatest sporting venues and has contributed to the town of Saratoga receiving the first "Great American Place" Award from American Heritage Magazine; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Saratoga Race Course as it celebrates its 142nd season; and

(2) recognizes the Saratoga Race Course's important place in horseracing history.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia?

There was no objection.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

On behalf of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, it is my privilege to rise in support of H. Res. 1513. This measure congratulates the Saratoga Race Course on its 142nd season. H. Res. 1513 was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from New York, Representative SCOTT MURPHY, on July 13, 2010. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered it favorably by unanimous consent on July 15, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of 60 Members of the House.

The Saratoga Race Course was opened August 3, 1863, and it is the oldest organized sporting venue of any

kind in the United States. The course is a top destination for tourists from all over the country and from all over the world. It now receives over 1 million visitors each year and supports thousands of jobs in Saratoga Springs and the surrounding communities.

Mr. Speaker, this venerable race course is one of the world's greatest sporting venues. It has continued many of its original traditions since its founding and has contributed to the town of Saratoga receiving the First Great American Place award from the American Heritage Magazine in 1997.

Let us now take the time to congratulate this historic race course on its 142nd season through the passage of this measure. I urge my colleagues to support it.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Bills brought before the House, the majority gets to direct which bills are brought up and which are not brought up, and with all due respect to Mr. MURPHY, a great Member of Congress, this is a wonderful race course—I know there are many Americans that enjoy horse racing—but candidly, I struggle to go through this and understand why on the floor of the House of Representatives that this seems to rise to the level of recognition.

We have so many problems and challenges facing this country, so many issues that we could and should be debating. We should be debating a budget, for instance, which is not being brought before this body. We should be talking about the debt and the deficit and those other things that are going to affect every Americans' life. And I recognize that there are times when we need to step up and recognize some truly worthy accomplishments, and we honor and name post offices and whatnot, but when it comes to the world of sport, I continue to voice my opposition that this is the time and the place to actually have a "debate" about whether or not the 142nd season is worthy of recognition in a resolution from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sure there are some young kids that are here. They're going to go back and talk about their time at the House of Representatives, and they're here in the audience. And they're going to go back and talk to their teachers and the teachers are going to ask, What did you talk about? Did you talk about the war on terror? Did you talk about the debt? Oh, no. They were honoring a race course. A race course. So it's terribly frustrating.

There is a way to honor and recognize, through Members of Congress, great accomplishments and a new racing season at a local race track, but, honestly, I just don't believe this is the way to do it.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to respond, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.